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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN "POPULAR" ORGANIZATIONS DENOUNCE

SINAI ACCORD

1. GOJ-INFLUENCED DAILY AD-DUSTOUR SEPT. 8 AND 9 GAVE LENGTHY COVERAGE TO PETITIONS ALLEGEDLY AUTHORED BY JORDANIAN "POPULAR" ORGANIZATIONS DENOUNCING IN STRONGEST TERMS SINAI ACCORD. PETITIONS, WHICH EXPRESS "VEHEMENT CONDEMNATIONS AND VIOLENT DISARRORVAL," WERE PRESENTED TO "ARAB EMBASSIES" IN AMMAN BY DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING "WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS," "NATIONAL ELEMENTS," AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, PETITIONS PRESENTED BY LATTER TWO GROUPS SEPT. 9 WERE GIVEN ADVANCE PUBLICITY IN PRESS EPT. 8.

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2. AS DESCRIBED IN PRESS, PETITIONS STRESS FOLLOWING

THEMES:

- A. ACCORD IS "INDIGNANTLY CONDEMNED" AS CONSPIRACY HATCHED AGAINST ARAB NATION, BLOW AT ARAB SOLIDARITY, FREEZING OF WESTERN FRONT, PARALYZING OF EGYPT, AND MOCKERY OF ALL ARAB SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS.
- B. ACCORD WILL OBLIGE EGYPT TO EXECUTE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST PLOTS WHICH AIM AT LIQUIDATION OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND SANCTION OF ISRAELI ANNEXATION OF WEST BANK.
- C. ARABS, INCLUDING "BRAVE AND GALLANT EGYPTIANS," SHOULD PLACE OBSTACLES IN PATH OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCORD.
- D. MUTUAL STANDS OF SYRIA AND PLO IS LAUDED.
- E. SYRIA AND IRAQ SHOULD ABANDON THEIR DIFFERENCES AND JOIN IN COMMON ARAB FRONT.

3. SPECIFIC SHORTCOMINGS OF ACCORD'S TEXT ARE CITED AS "NON-USE OF MILITARY ACTION FOR SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM," INCREASES AMERICAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL, RIGHT OF PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ CANAL OF ISRAELI NON-MILITARY CARGOES, LACK OF MENTION OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, ALL OF THESE FACTORS LEADING TO "CHANGE IN BALANCE OF POWER, WHICH WAS IN ARABS' FAVOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER 1973 WAR."

4. DETAILS ON PRECISE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS ARE SCANTY. ONLY "WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION" IDENTIFIED BY NAME IS FEDERATION OF JORDANIAN WOMEN, LEADED BY LEFTIST LAWYER EMILY BISHARAT, WHICH IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH PALESTINIAN CAUSES AND SOVIET-BLOC FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES. EGYPTIAN FIRST SECRETARY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT PETITION PRESENTED TO HIS EMBASSY SEPT 8 CONTAINED NO SPECIFICS AS TO NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS. AUTHORS OF TRACT ISSUED SEPT 9 ARE IDENTIFIED IN PRESS AS "JORDANIAN PERSONALITIES, HEADS OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, DOCTORS, LAWYERS, PHARMACISTS, MEN OF LETTERS, JOURNALISTS, AND OTHERS".

5. SPACE GIVEN TO REPORTS OF PETITIONS IS AS LARGE AS THAT NORMALLY RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER PRESS ITEMS CRITICAL OF SINAI ACCORD. AD-DUSTOUR SEPT 9 CARRIED CARTOON OF JUBILANT SECRETARY KISSINGER SMILING AS HE CUTS RIBBON LINKING "EASTERN AND WESTERN FRONTS." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EDITORIALS IN BOTH AD-DUSTOUR AND AR-RAYY SEPT 9 CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ARAB ACTION TO REGAIN INITIATIVE LOST BY SIGNING OF SINAI AGREEMENT, AND PRAISE STATEMENT BY HAFEZ ASAD TO BBC IN WHICH HE CHARACTERIZES ACCORD AS GOING AGAINST UN RESOLUTIONS. SUCH COVERAGE IMPLIES AT LEAST TACIT GOJ SANCTION, BUT IT EQUALLY MAY REPRESENT RELUCTANCE OF GOJ TO STIFLE INITIATIVES SPARKED BY OTHERS DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SYRIA. IT IS UNLIKE JORDAN POLITICAL SCENE FOR GOVERNMENT VIEWS TO BE

PRESENTED GHROUGH "POLULAR ORGANIZATIONS" SUCH AS
THESE. NEVERTHELESS, GOJ ISSUANCE OF SEPT 5 STATEMENT
DISAVOWING WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF JORDAN SUPPORT FOR
SINAI ACCORD, AND ABSTAINING FROM TAKING ANY PUBLIC
POSITION, HAS UNDOUBTEDLY TENDED TO ENCOURAGE GROUPS
OPPOSING ACCORDS TO MAKE A PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF
THEIR OPPOSITION.
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